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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/577,326  
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For: SURFACE PRESSURE LOAD DEVICE OF SLIDE  
VALVE  
Group Art Unit: 3753  
Examiner: Bastianelli, J.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Our check in the amount of - 0 - is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The Examiner's statement of "REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE," included on page 2 attached to the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" mailed April 18, 2007, is mistaken in referring to the subject matter of all the allowed claims as including "the arrangement centers align with lifting or depressing the surface pressure releasing plates to release or apply pressure." Also, while the spring holders are recited by Claim 1 to have hooks as indicated by this statement, these hooks are recited as being "surface pressure applying hooks" that engage "with the clamp when surface pressure is applied" and disengage "from the clamp when the surface pressure is released," not just as "hooks for engaging the clamp" as incorrectly expressed in this statement.

Accordingly, the "examiner's statement of reasons for allowance" is in error as to the subject matter of allowed Claims 1-4 should be withdrawn as not correctly indicating the actual subject matter recited by these claims.

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